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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed June 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

Please cancel claims 1-12, 15 and 24 without prejudice.

1 (Amended). A method for generating an average C_{max} of Diclofenac comprised between 400 and 2500 ng/ml in a human patient in need of such a treatment, which comprises administering to said patient a pharmaceutical formulation containing